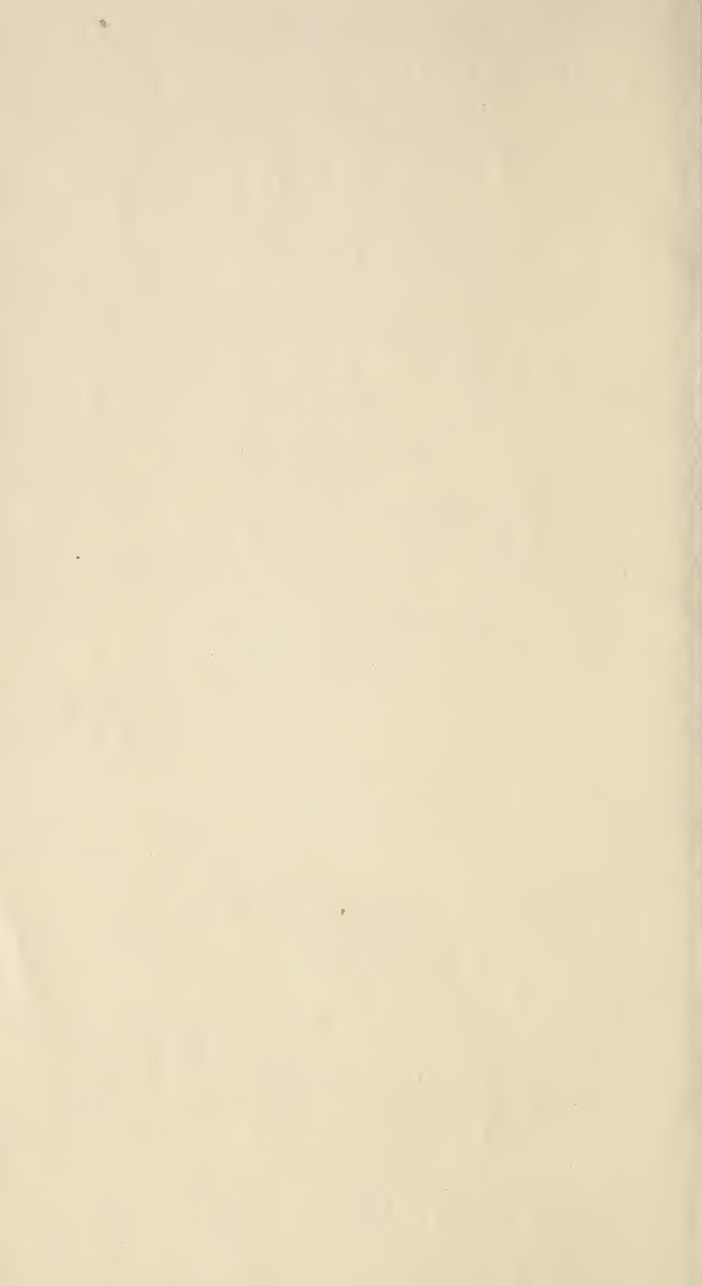
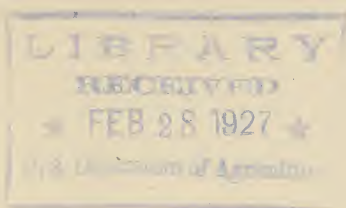


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Dahlia Aristocrats

From The
Autocrat Dahlia Gardens
1927

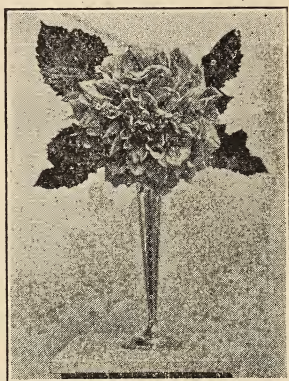
Winner of the A. D. S. Gold Medal for the
Best Trade Exhibit at New York
September, 1926

To My Customers Old and New

I TAKE PLEASURE in presenting you with my 1927 Dahlia Catalogue, and at this time express my thanks for your kind patronage and hope to be again favored with your order, which, I assure you, will be filled in the same pains-taking manner.

My own introductions I am sure have met with the approval of all that have tried them. Each year I try and add to my collection only dahlias of quality and distinction that are most satisfactory from a standpoint of garden, cutting and exhibition purposes. Our prize-winning exhibits show the outstanding merit of our own originations.

A FEW PRACTICAL HINTS ON GROWING DAHLIAS



The question is often asked, What kind of soil suits dahlias. We find that dahlias will do well in any good garden soil. The cultivation of the ground and the condition in which it is kept are equally as important as the soil.

Select an open, sunny situation, and before planting time have the ground in the best possible condition. All effort spent in preparation will be repaid many times. Where it can be done, get the ground ready in the fall. Spread manure well over surface and plough it under.

A good time to plant tubers is from May 15th to June 1st. Plant in late May and early June. It is a good plan to set green plants deep enough to be reasonably sure that you will get a clump of tubers at digging time. Shallow planting is quite often the reason for no tubers.

A LIST of our newer varieties which have shown great promise with us. Dahlia lovers should not fail to look for them at the dahlia shows in 1927. We hope to have stock enough of these to offer them for sale in 1928.

PRINCESS ILLEANA

This dahlia was selected by the Princess to be named for her during her recent visit to this country.

MAY REILLY

Yellow and orange. Decorative.

MISS NORWALK

"Decorative." Coppery bronze, very vigorous and large; excellent stems and a sure winner.

LILLIAN CAMPBELL

Pink. Decorative.

FLORENCE VOSE

Rose Ash. Decorative.

THE LEADING LADY

Rose Amber Gold. Decorative.

DON JUAN

Flame and Gold. Decorative.

MRS. JOHN HARDING

Beautiful shade of lavender.

MRS. RUEBEN SWAN

Indian Skin. Decorative.

R. H. SHERWOOD

Yellow and Old Rose. Decorative.

R. T. HANBURY

Yellow, tipped Orange. Decorative.

All the above are vigorous growers, producing exhibition flowers on fine stems.

NEW DAHLIAS OF UNRIVALLED MERIT FOR 1927

QUEEN MARIE

"Formerly The Autocrat." This Dahlia was selected by Queen Marie of Roumania to be named for her, during her recent visit to this country. Decorative. An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. The color shrimp pink with yellow suffusion with a distinct reverse of silver. Vigorous grower and a wonderful keeper when cut. Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00

CANARY BIRD DECORATIVE

Color: Delicate shade of primrose yellow. Large flowers of good depth, carried on strong, stiff stems. Vigorous grower, very free bloomer. Admired by all visitors at our gardens. Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00

E. E. HANBURY DECORATIVE

An exceptionally fine exhibition variety, of a pleasing shade of silvered red. Very vigorous grower, immense flowers, held erect on strong, stiff stems. Much admired at the A. D. S. Show, September, 1926. Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00

LILLIAN HART DECORATIVE

This dahlia immediately attracts the attention of all visitors to our garden. Can best be described as an old rose I de Ver Warner, which speaks for itself. Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00

LILLIAN HANBURY PEONY FLOWERED

Beautiful large flowers of great depth. Color: Pleasing shade of pink, with a distinct reverse of magenta. The best peony flowered dahlia for exhibition. Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00

ROSE FALLON DECORATIVE

A wonderful flower of very large size. Color: Old gold. This dahlia created a sensation when it was exhibited at the 1925 Dahlia Show of The A. D. S. and was the finest dahlia in the show. And was a consistent winner in 1926. Tubers, \$10.00. Plants, \$5.00

LADY JANE H. C.

Beautiful, large flower, carried on strong, straight stems. Color: A most pleasing shade of straw and autumn. Vigorous and free bloomer.

Tubers, \$7.50. Plants, \$3.00

MRS. EDWARDS H. C.

Of fine type, held on strong, straight stems. Color: Orchid. Vigorous grower and free bloomer. A-1 in all ways.

Tubers, \$5.00. Plants, \$2.50

E. P. O'CONNOR DECORATIVE

Beautiful flower, carried on good stems. Color: Opalescent pink, with distinct reverse of purple. Very fine.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50

SULPHUR KING DECORATIVE

A very fine sulphur yellow, held erect on strong stems. Vigorous grower, large flowers of the finest type.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50

R. T. EDWARDS DECORATIVE

One of the finest in our collection; true to type; extra large flowers, carried on stout stems. Color: Most pleasing shade of pink with a distinct reverse plum. A very fine Dahlia. Tubers, \$7.50. Plants, \$3.00

MRS. MARY HART DECORATIVE

Large maroon, of good type; good stems. Vigorous grower and one of the best of its color. Very fine.

Tubers, \$3.00. Plants, \$1.50

COPPER KING DECORATIVE

Most wonderful flower of enormous size, held erect on straight, strong stem. This magnificent bloom has tubular petals of copper and yellow with distinct reverse of light red. This is one of our finest creations. A prize winner where shown.

Tubers, \$7.00. Plants, \$3.50

FIRELIGHT DECORATIVE

Beautiful flower, carried on stiff stem. Base yellow, points of petals tipped red. Very fine.

Tubers, **\$3.00.** Plants, **\$1.50**

HARVEST MOON DECORATIVE

Large, finely formed flower, on a good stem, of a beautiful yellow shade.

Plants only, **\$2.50**

DARK DAYS H. C.

Beautiful flower, carried on stiff stem of beautiful maroon. Very free bloomer.

Plants only, **\$2.50**

MARION WELLER DECORATIVE

A real fine Dahlia, true to type. Extra large flower, carried on long, straight stems. Color: pleasing shade of soft pink. Very free bloomer.

Tubers only, **\$3.00**

THE GIANTESS DECORATIVE

This enormous, beautiful flower, of finest form and type and of a very pleasing shade of amber. Stems have a tendency to bend slightly.

Tubers only, **\$3.00**

POLAR SNOW DECORATIVE

A great, pure white Dahlia of the finest type of a giant flower. Stem has a tendency to bend slightly.

Tubers only, **\$3.00**

THE BASHFUL GIANT DECORATIVE

Of enormous size. Color is apricot with gold shading. Fine for exhibition.

Tubers only, **\$1.00**

THE EMPEROR DECORATIVE

A maroon of the finest type. Enormous size and fine stems.

Tubers only, **\$1.00**

JUDGE MAREAN DECORATIVE

Very large flower of perfect type. Color blending of salmon, gold and pink. Free bloomer.

Plants only, **\$1.00**

LA GROSS BETE DECORATIVE

Large flower of a cerise self color.

Tubers only, **\$1.00**

HERCULES DECORATIVE

Quilled; of enormous size. Color: Tangerine and deep yellow, reverse of petals, tangerine.

Tubers only, **\$1.00**

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER DECORATIVE

Very large flower, true to form. Color: golden buff.

Tubers only, **\$1.00**

MABEL THATCHER DECORATIVE

Large flower of pale yellow. Fine type.

Tubers only, **\$1.00**

MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS DECORATIVE

A beautiful flower of a clear yellow, which changes to pink on outer petals.

Tubers only, **\$1.00**

DIANA PEONY

Color of fine scarlet. Flowers of large size.

Tubers, **50c**

MRS. I de VER WARNER DECORATIVE

One of the very best Dahlias. Blossoms of soft orchid. Fine stems and vigorous grower.

Tubers, **\$2.00**. Plants, **\$1.00**

SPECIAL INFORMATION

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME TO
OUR GARDENS

Order early, as orders are filled in rotation.
Ordering early will assure the reservation of varieties that otherwise may be sold out.

TERMS: Cash with order or in advance of shipment.

We guarantee all tubers true to name and their arrival in good growing condition.

Time of Shipment: Tubers will be shipped after April 1st, unless otherwise notified. All retail orders shipped prepaid.

